

OKLAHOMA | WINGSPAN



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	
22-24	Wing Conference
29-30	FTX
May	
1	FTX continued
5	Space Day
14-15	SLS
20-22	SAREX
June	
4-5	Pilot Clinic
11-12	Aerospace America
19-26	Texas Cadet Encampment
July	
8-10	SAREX
16	ICS 200
23-30	New Mexico Cadet Encampment
30— 6 Aug	Arkansas Cadet Encampment

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Virginia Keller

All of you should be aware by now of the new Safety Pledge and directive from Maj.Gen Dwight Wheless. He has forwarded on an excerpt from the magazine of the 1st Air Force *American Defender*. The new Gippsland is featured on the cover page with the heading: *Civil Air Patrol, 1st Air Force: Defending our homeland together.*

Look at what Maj. Gen Scott Mayes, 1st Air Force Commander, wrote on the inside cover.

“Our wingmen today are inter-agency and multinational. Our newest wingman is the Civil Air Patrol with its 26,000 cadets and 35,000 adult volunteers. These dedicated and patriotic members enhance our missions effectiveness by ‘watching our flank.’

Their ready fleet of 550 CAP-owned airplanes and a significant number of member-owned platforms provides intelligence, surveillance,

reconnaissance and logistics support to our air defense operations. These trained intelligence gatherers have become vital to the homeland defense mission is the air domain. I welcome them.”

Maj. Gen Wheless says “Give safety a “high five” every day, and yourself a pat on the back.

This will be the last column I will write as your Commander. My last chance to say “Thank You” to all who have been there to help me along the way. Just plain thank you is not really adequate to convey my feelings to all the wonderful members who have made being in this position such a privilege. I hope you will continue to support the new Wing Commander as you have supported me.

THANK YOU!

VIRGINIA KELLER, Col, CAP
Oklahoma Wing Commander



**Salutes to Col. Virginia Keller
for your
Loyal, Dedicated, Exemplary, Leadership**

OKLAHOMA WING EARNS “SATISFACTORY” RATING ON SAREVAL*Provided by Major Charles Newcomb*

Civil Air Patrol's Oklahoma Wing earned a “satisfactory” rating overall in an evaluated training exercise, with several areas of the wing's operations scoring above average, and one judged needing improvement. The exercise, conducted from a field headquarters at Enid's Woodring Airport, was one of six scheduled this year. It involved aerial photography and damage assessment of simulated weather damage sites and a search for a missing aircraft. The damage assessment missions were completed on schedule and the simulated missing aircraft was found late Saturday afternoon near Enix Boys Airport, about 25 miles south of Vance Air Force Base. Evaluators said the Oklahoma Wing's administration, planning, and public information sections did outstanding work. The communications section was judged excellent—in part for its ability to conduct uninterrupted operations during a simulated power failure. Ground search team operations were rated marginal. Evaluators said additional training is needed in using direction finding equipment to locate aircraft and marine emergency beacons.

Six Oklahoma Wing members “Outstanding Performances” were recognized by the AF Eval Team. Those receiving Southwest Region Liason Challenge Coins were: Ltc. Aaron Wardlaw (Stillwater), Maj. Charles Newcomb (OKC), Maj. Kelly Wardlaw (Stillwater), Maj. Debbie Spencer (OKC), 2Lt Deanna Adams-Gorman (OKC), and 2Lt. Warren McConnell (Enid).

**OKLAHOMA WING CADET ENCAMPMENT CANCELED***Provided by Capt. John Gonzales, Director of Cadet Programs*

Oklahoma Wing will not be having a cadet encampment this year. All of those who have applied and sent in a deposit will be getting a refund. I will be sending out info on surrounding states who are having encampment.

Arkansas will be having their encampment at Little Rock AFB on 30 July - 6 August 2005. They have invited us to apply for cadet and senior staff positions. Anyone who has applied for Oklahoma wing cadet encampment staff and whom wants to apply for Arkansas wing cadet encampment staff please let me know and I will forward your applications on to Arkansas wing.

All applications including basics should send me the applications and a check for \$25.00 deposit and I will forward it on for you.

Additional encampments are:

New Mexico Encampment 23–30 July @
Kirtland AFB

Texas Encampment 19-26 June @ Camp Maxie



SPRING FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE*Provided by Major Deb Spencer*

There will be a Spring Field Training Exercise which will be held at the Williams Boy Scout Reservation located west of Enid. Please encourage your members to attend.

This FTX will focus on Advanced Training tasks for Ground Team Members Levels 2 and 1, and Ground Team Leaders. This training is not normally available at most SAREXs, and we will be focusing on many different "hands on" activities. Although we won't be providing basic Ground Team academics, we will have classes on Scenario Planning, Map Reading, Site Security and Helicopter Landing Zone. GTM2s and GTM1s will practice planning, organizing, and briefing sorties-- followed by an in-depth After Action Review.

For those members who have not had previous Ground Team training but would still like to attend, we will provide Mission Base Staff training for Mission Staff Assistants and Mission Radio Operators. The minimum requirement is GES, and Basic ROA for the MRO trainees.

The Participation Letters are due by 22 Apr. We look forward to seeing you all there!

OK RECEIVES NEW C-182 NAV III*by Lt. Col Aaron S. Wardlaw*

On April 11, Ltc. Bob Castle, and Ltc. Aaron Wardlaw will be going to Independence, Kansas to receive factory training from Cessna on the new C-182 NAV III.

After completing training on 15 April, they will bring a new glass cockpit aircraft back to Oklahoma. Initially the aircraft will be based in Wiley Post until the engine break in period is complete.

Primary checkouts will initially be with instructors and evaluators. In order to save time on the avionics (which are very expensive), only members with a current C-182 form 5 will get an initial form 5 in the NAV III.

There are still plans to be worked out and lots of instruction to be completed.

**CAP, FIRST AIR FORCE, DEFENDING OUR HOMELAND TOGETHER***Provided By Melanie LeMay, Public Relations Manager, National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol*

CAP is on the cover of the current edition of magazine, which is produced by 1st Air Force out of Tyndall AFB, Fla. Inside the issue is a feature story about CAP's collaboration with 1st Air Force, titled "Civil Air Patrol, First Air Force: Defending Our Homeland Together."

You can view the entire issue in pdf format at:

<http://www.1staf.tyndall.af.mil/pressroom.html>. Click on "American Defender Online." You may want to print out the CAP-relevant pages for your media kits and other promotions.

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SAFETY PLEDGE

Lt. Col. Aaron S. Wardlaw

Stemming from the First CAP fatal aircraft accident of 2005, National Headquarters has produced a top to bottom review of the safety program. General Wheless led the development of a new safety process by which CAP approached operations. At every meeting and CAP event all members must recite the Safety Pledge:

“As a Civil Air Patrol member, I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our missions for America.”

This is designed to continuously reinforce our awareness and protect CAP assets. In addition, a 12 point safety program has been developed. To see the other points, reference the March 2005 Safety Sentinel. These can be downloaded from the National Web Site.

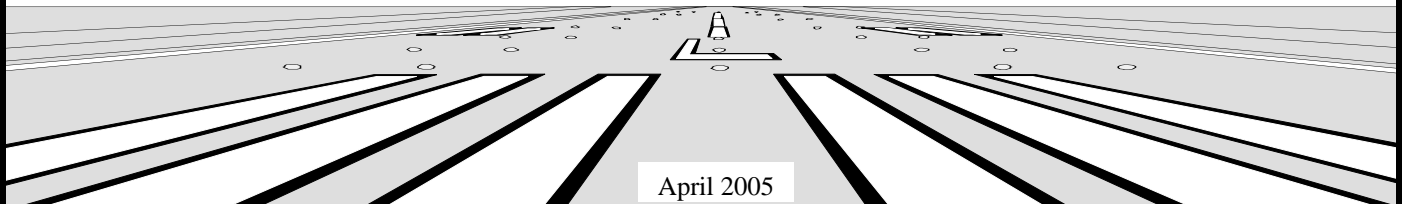


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Deadline for submission of articles is 25th of each month and newsletters will distributed at the monthly Wing Staff Meeting. Items will be approved by the Wing Commander and printed according to importance, timeliness, and available space. Articles submitted are printed “As-Is” and the Public Affairs Officer assumes no responsibility for correctness, punctuation, and grammar. Comments or articles can be submitted to the attention of OK WINGSPAN at OkHorseFly@aol.com.



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